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EXAMINER: MOTSINGER, S. T.

FOR: IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM

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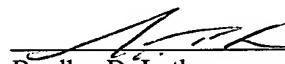
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

The relevancy of the reference is discussed in the Description of the Related Art section of the specification.